

2023-2024 Transmission Planning Process, Phase 3 Competitive Solicitation

List of Validated Project Sponsor Applications with Sufficient Information

In the 2023-2024 Transmission Plan, the ISO identified a policy-driven need for the Humboldt– Fern Road 500 KV Transmission Line Project. This initiated the Transmission Planning Process, Phase 3 Competitive Solicitation process for the selection of an approved project sponsor. The bid window for interested project sponsors to submit complete applications to finance, construct, own, operate and maintain the Humboldt– Fern Road 500 KV Transmission Line Project commenced on June 26, 2024 and closed on October 28, 2024 (Sequence 2).

Pursuant to section 24.5.2.4 of the ISO Tariff, the ISO has validated three applications that satisfied the information submission requirements. The ISO will now consider whether the validated project sponsors are qualified and then will undertake the selection process to determine which qualified project sponsor should finance, construct, own, operate and maintain the Humboldt– Fern Road 500 KV Transmission Line Project. The validated project sponsors are listed below:

- Horizon West Transmission, LLC (Horizon West) in Coordination with Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E)
- Cal Grid, LLC, an LS Power company (LS Power (CAL GRID))
- California Grid Holdings LLC (CalGrid)

The description of, and functional specifications for, the policy-driven Humboldt– Fern Road 500 KV Transmission Line Project can be found on the ISO website at:

[Appendix I - Board Approved 2023-2024 - Transmission Plan](#)